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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

Paul L. Pasternack, D.D.S.

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of a patient complaint alleging that the office maintained by Respondent for the practice of pediatric dentistry was unclean. On or about October 2, 2000, investigators from the Enforcement Bureau, Division of Consumer Affairs conducted an unannounced inspection of Respondent's office. That inspection disclosed that general cleaning procedures required by accepted standards of good dental practice had been neglected to a moderate degree. The inspection did not reveal any conditions which could give rise to a risk of harm to Respondent's patients or any danger of faulty infection control procedures.

Immediately subsequent to the inspection, on or about October 11, 2000, Respondent apprised the Board of the extensive measures he had undertaken to remedy the circumstances observed by the investigators. The Board finds that Respondent's approach to this problem was appropriate and comprehensive. Respondent has assured the Board that these circumstances will not arise again and provided the Board with proof that he has employed a reputable cleaning

contractor. On or about October 16, 2000, investigators conducted a reinspection of Respondent's office and found that all of the problems identified at the time of the first inspection had been satisfactorily remedied and that all of the remedial measures undertaken by Respondent had been completed.

The facts establish basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). It appearing that Respondent has taken sufficient steps to mitigate his conduct in this matter and that Respondent is desirous of resolving this matter without admissions and without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 15 DAY OF November, 2000

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED:

- 1. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for conduct with respect to his failure to maintain a satisfactorily level of cleanliness in his office. This penalty should shall be due and owing no later ten (10) days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment for the civil penalties shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, at Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 2. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$1,653.81. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than twenty-one days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Kevin Earle at the address set forth in paragraph one.
- 3. Failure to remit any payment required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

4. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this consent order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: Doubsial Landid, 005

Barbara Rich, D.D.S.

Board President

I have read and understood this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Paul L. Pasternack, D.D.S.

11-6-00

Date